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EXCISE DUTY EVASION BY TOBACCO COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of excise duty collected by the Central Government from the tobacco companies during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether cases of excise duty evasion by tobacco companies have come to the notice of the Central Government during the last three years;

(c) If so, the details thereof, company-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Central Government to check excise duty evasion by tobacco companies?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) The Excise duty collected from the tobacco companies (manufacturers of Cigarettes. Biris, Chewing Tobacco and other products containing Tobacco) for last three years is as follows:

Amount in Rs. Crore

Year	Cigarettes	Biris	Chewing Tobacco	other products containing Tobacco
2004-05	5994.85	348.15	577.28	250.56
2005-06	6988.99	370.69	367.82	654.57
2006-07	7701.35	427.57	421.18	647.31

(b),(c) and (d) The information is being collected will be laid on the table of the House.